

REMARKS

The Office Action of January 3, 2005 (Paper No. 12272004) has been carefully considered. Allowance of claims 6-9 is gratefully acknowledged.

Claim 10 is being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 2, 11 and 16-20 are being amended. Thus, claims 1-9, 11 and 13-20 are pending in the application.

In response to the objection to claim 10 (on page 2 of the Office Action), claim 10 is being canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore the objection should no longer apply.

With respect to the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph) appearing on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, Applicant is not claiming the combination of the apparatus, computer equipment and vehicle. Rather, as indicated in the preamble of independent claims 1 and 11, the claims are drawn solely to an apparatus for mounting a computer system in a vehicle

In response to the comments set forth by the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action, claim 1 is being amended to delete the recitations that "the computer equipment held by said holding frame means face[s] a user" and that "the computer equipment held by said holding frame means face[s] another user". The only other recitation of "the computer equipment" is at line 6 of claim 1 in connection with the function of the "holding frame means ... for holding the computer equipment".

Similarly, claim 11 is being amended to delete the recitation of the "first member" as being "fixed to a floor of the vehicle", and to delete the further recitation of "the computer equipment held by said holding frame means" as being rotated from a home position to a plurality of positions". Again, the only other recitation of "the computer equipment" is at lines 6-7 of claim 11 in connection with the function of the "holding frame means ... for holding the computer equipment".

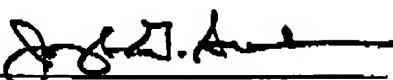
Therefore, as a result of the amendment of independent claims 1 and 11, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph) should no longer apply, and claims 1-5, 11 and 13-17 should now be in condition for allowance.

Turning to consideration of the rejection of claims 18 under 35 U.S.C. 102 for alleged anticipation by Hanley, U.S. Patent No. 3,550,001, claim 18 is being amended to include a major portion of the recitations of dependent claims 19 and 20, which were merely objected to for dependency on independent claim 18. Thus, independent claim 18 should now be in condition for allowance because Hanley '001 does not disclose or suggest an apparatus for mounting computer equipment in a vehicle, the apparatus comprising bearing rod means which includes a rod and a bearing cylinder with the characteristics and functions recited in independent claim 18, as now amended.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance, and early issuance thereof is solicited. If any further issues remain in this application, it is requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney at the below-listed local telephone number in order to expedite allowance.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment.

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